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To whom it may concern,

The DOJ and now the AOL Time Warner's lawsuit are turning this whole settlement thing into a circus. Once you settle with the states and the lawyers get their once of flesh, who will be next to file a lawsuit? Is the Department of Justice setting thing up for a free for all in lawsuits? Can Microsoft survive this kind of attack? It just makes me sick to see a great company like Microsoft getting torn apart by the department of Justice and a few cry baby companies who are not smart enough to compete in the business world and have to resort to lawsuits. Microsoft has changed the world in the way we work and now they are being punished for it. Sometimes it does not pay to be an entrepreneur because if you get too successful the legal system will take you down. Lawyers just love to take on high profile companies just to make a name for themselves. Just like the tobacco lawsuits, everybody received a bunch of money and nothing has really changed. People still smoke and the smokers have to pay for the payoffs. Please get off Microsoft's back and let them concentrate on the next generation of computer software; this will be the payoff for all of us!

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